

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

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2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. **006** 3. EFFECTIVE DATE **05/07/2003** 4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO. _____ 5. PROJECT NO. (If applicable) _____

6. ISSUED BY CODE _____ 7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 6) CODE _____
 National Heart, Lung, & Blood Institute, NIH
 Rockledge II Building, Room 6110
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 BETHESDA MD 20892-7902

8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., street, county, State and ZIP Code)
 Recipients of BAA NHLBI-HV-04-01,
 Pediatric Circulatory Support

9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. **BAA NHLBI-HV-04-01**
 9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13) **November 29, 2002**
 10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO. _____
 10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13) _____

CODE _____ FACILITY CODE _____

11. THIS ITEM APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS

The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers is extended, is not extended. Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods:
 (a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning _____ copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offers submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.

12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)

13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS, IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.

A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.
 B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).
 C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:
 D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor is not, is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to the issuing office.

14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)

More inquiries are summarized and discussed below and on the following page, and the solicitation is amended.

An offeror asks, "On page 15 of 48 of BAA NHLBI-04-01 it states to use the FY02 Executive Level Rates. May we use the FY03 rates for the rates have been raised for 03?"

See next page for response. A picture of the Contracting Officer's signature is omitted from Block 16B. of this amendment to reduce the file size.

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print) _____ 16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)
 Robert A. Julia
 Contracting Officer, HLVD Contracts Section

15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR _____ 15C. DATE SIGNED _____ 16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
 BY _____ /s/ _____ 16C. DATE SIGNED
 _____ 05/07/2003
 (Signature of person authorized to sign.) (Signature of Contracting Officer)

Response:

Many clauses in the RFP, which were current as of last November, will need to be updated to reflect changes that will have occurred before award is made. The scheduled date of award is February 15, 2004. Any proposed salaries exceeding the ceiling rate at the time of award will be reduced before award can be made. Offerors shall list current annual salaries for all personnel. Offerors are encouraged to provide and justify their best estimates of the resources needed to accomplish their proposed program. This question may indicate a failure to read the full text of the RFP or to read all portions within the overall context.

This explanation is provided as guidance to potential offerors and does not supersede any terms of the solicitation

An offeror asks: "Would you please help clarify the page limits for proposals to the Pediatric Ciculatory Support BAA NHLBI-HV-04-01. Page 43 of the solicitation, section b.4 states "TECHNICAL APPROACH (no more than 36 pages single-spaced)," and the TECHNICAL APPROACH includes subheadings for A. Personnel, B. Work statement, C. Facilities, equipment and other resources, and D. Other considerations. At the bottom of page 44, the section "PAGE LIMITS" states that the 36 page limit does not apply to "...personnel, facilities, equipment and resource, other considerations..."

Response:

Technical proposal page limits (36 pp.) do not apply to sections A, C, and D of part 4, Technical Approach, of the technical proposal.

This explanation is provided as guidance to potential offerors and does not supersede any terms of the solicitation

An offeror asks: "Travel to attend general scientific meetings is not allowed under this contract (pg 3 of BAA). Our experience with past NHLBI contracts was that annual meetings of the awardees were requested by the program office to share information, typically in conjunction with a scientific meeting. Are such meetings anticipated by this program, and should these travel costs be included?"

Response:

First, the draft contract (first 29 pages of the BAA) is specifically identified as a draft document that will need changes to reflect the contract type, organization type, etc. Offerors are requested to read the italicized instructions on page 2. The document is not a contract at this time but will become one at award when and if accepted by the Contracting Officer. To this end, offerors are encouraged to suggest language changes appropriate to the circumstances of their proposals, organizational type, etc.

Second, offerors are requested to propose the resources needed to accomplish the statement of work as contained in their proposals. Note that draft Article B.4. provides a location for listing authorizations required by other terms of the contract.

Third, the Contracting Officer who constructed the solicitation erroneously failed to include advice for anticipated travel costs, included below as an amendment of the solicitation.

This explanation is provided as guidance to potential offerors and does not supersede any terms of the solicitation, but see below.

The solicitation IS amended as follows:

The following information is added to the solicitation: The Principal Investigator and at least one co-investigator shall attend an annual contractors' meeting with the NHLBI Project Officer. For proposal preparation purposes, the location of this meeting shall be presumed to be Bethesda MD.